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Consumer Protection and Commerce Subcommittee House Committee on Energy and Commerce 2322 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Subcommittee Members:

We are writing to urge you to support THE HORSERACING INTEGRITY ACT (H.R. 1754) OF 2019 currently pending in Congress.

In the years we were Kentucky's Governor and First Lady, our administration took many steps that put us at the forefront of addressing this issue. But the industry is at the point where further meaningful progress requires movement on a national level. We need federal legislation that creates uniform medication rules as well as common testing rules and procedures, consistent enforcement and the creation of a national medication regulatory authority.

It's obvious that the current federal effort is the only hope of bringing consistency among racing jurisdictions in the United States after decades of failed attempts.

There is no state in this nation with more at stake as this industry wrestles with the issue of transparency and standardization in horseracing and its impact on safety, integrity and trust than Kentucky. Therefore, we hope you will decide to support this effort.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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